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Letter dated 9 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter, dated 9 December 1992, from His Excellency Mr. Nicolae Tau, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, concerning the designation of United Nations observers to the negotiations between the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation on the withdrawal of the 14th Russian Army from the territory of my country and the sending of a United Nations mission of experts to investigate and monitor the observance of human rights in the eastern part of the Republic of Moldova (see annex).

In the same letter, a special appeal is made to you to personally intervene for the immediate liberation of the innocent persons arrested and maltreated by the anti-constitutional structures of the separatist forces from the Dniester districts of the Republic of Moldova. The lives of the four persons mentioned by name in the letter are in imminent danger, as the separatist "authorities" plan to judge and condemn them to death.

I would be grateful if the necessary arrangements would be made to circulate as urgently as possible the text of the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 69, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tudor PANTIRU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Moldova

ANNEX

Letter dated 9 December 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to apprise you of the situation in the eastern part of the Republic of Moldova, certain aspects of which were mentioned in the course of our discussions in New York and in the letters I sent in October 1992.

It is my duty to inform you that there have not been any positive developments in recent months in terms of settling the points of conflict. In some respects, indeed, the situation has deteriorated.

Unfortunately, the end of armed violence has not brought peace and security for the population of the area. The separatist forces of Transnistria, under the protection of the 14th Army of the Russian Federation, have launched a campaign of repression and intimidation against those who opposed and failed to support the separatist regime during the period of conflict. The anti-constitutional structures of this illegal "republic" have arrested several individuals, who are now being mistreated and held without legal justification, including Ilie Ilascu, Alexandru Lesco, Tudor Petrov and Andrei Ivantoc.

These abuses and violations of human rights definitely require an international response. The protection of human rights is a matter of universal responsibility which transcends national, social and ideological boundaries.

In these circumstances, I urge you to exercise your legitimate authority and to help ensure the release of these innocent persons.

Another problem of concern to the Government of the Republic of Moldova is the Russian Federation's procrastination with respect to talks on the withdrawal of the 14th Army.

Statements that the 14th Army could act as a guarantor of peace are obviously divorced from reality. The Army is an occupation force, and its presence on the territory of the Republic of Moldova represents a permanent source of conflict and a perpetual threat to my country's integrity and security.

In this context, I should like to recall the many appeals addressed to the United Nations by the Republic of Moldova, as well as the requests contained in my letters of 2 and 20 October 1992 concerning the need both to send observers to the Moldovan-Russian talks on the withdrawal of the Russian Federation's 14th Army from our territory and to dispatch a United Nations mission to evaluate the human rights situation in the eastern part of the Republic of Moldova.

(Signed) Nicolae TAU
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Moldova